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Letter dated 4 July 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I write to bring to your attention the statement issued on 30 June 2013 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar in connection with the grave situation in the Syrian city of Homs.

In response to my appeals of distress by the citizens of Homs and its surroundings, due to the brutal and unjust attack by the Syrian regime, the Lebanese Hezbollah militia and a lot of fighters from other countries, the State of Qatar expresses its strong condemnation of the massacres committed against innocent civilians and those defending their property and their honour. The State of Qatar also warms against the use of chemical weapons against Syrian citizens by the regime.

The State of Qatar calls on the Secretary-General to do what is necessary, according to his high office, and to use all his powers to stop this ongoing unjust attack. The State of Qatar also urges the President of the General Assembly to call for the implementation of General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolution 67/262. Furthermore, the State of Qatar urges the Security Council to immediately intervene to stop this attack, which aims to intimidate the population of the city of Homs in order to control the city. This alarming situation requires that the Security Council convene an urgent session to discuss the deteriorating situation and its impact on Syria and the region.

The Government of the State of Qatar also warns of the horrific massacres expected to be committed in Homs as evidenced by the crimes already committed in Al-Qusayr, and expresses its deep concern over the possibility of revenge acts that would threaten not only Syria but the entire region. In this regard, the Syrian regime and its supporters are responsible for the attack against the Syrian people according to international law and international humanitarian law.

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I should be grateful if the present letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 33.

(*Signed*) Meshal Hamad M. **Al-Thani**
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